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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Michael Lange et al.

Title: INTRODUCER HAVING A MOVABLE VALVE ASSEMBLY WITH REMOVABLE  
SIDE PORT

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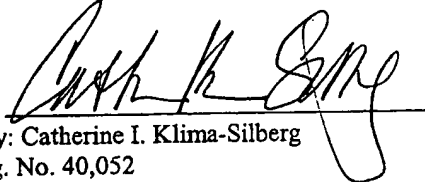
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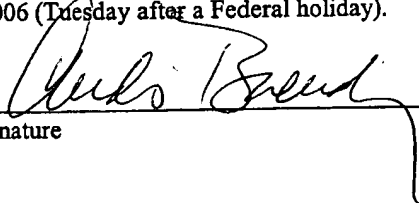
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Applicant has reviewed the Final Office Action dated July 7, 2006. Please amend the application as follows: